

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 1 to 19 have been canceled and new claims 20 to 44 have been substituted therefor. Applicants respectfully submit that substitute claims fall within the subject matter of the elected invention and that no new prohibited matter has been introduced by the amendments. While written description support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, examples of specific support for the additional claims can be found in the specification as set forth in the table below.

Claim	Support in Specification
20-22, 43-44	Original claim 1 and page 3, lines 16-21
23, 31	Page 20, line 30 to page 21, line 19
24-27	Page 27, lines 5-8 and page 30, lines 1-15
28-30	Page 25, lines 22-23
32-34	Original claim 3 and page 3, lines 21-23
35-36	Page 16, lines 3-7
37-39	Page 15, line 27 to page 16, line 2
40-42	Page 16, lines 8-13

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 121

In response to the Restriction Requirement **Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-2) drawn to a method to treat pain by administering GDNF to alter sodium ion current flow with traverse.**

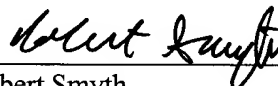
Applicants have submitted substitute claims in this amendment that correspond to original claims 1-2 and that constitute a single invention for examination purposes. With regard to the traversal, Applicants submit that the claims of Group I (claims 1-2) and the claims of Group II (claims 3-5) constitute a single invention because they both require administration of GDNF for the treatment of pain. Alteration of sodium ion current flow and restoration of sodium channel activity are consequences of administration of GDNF and cannot be distinguished from one another. In the substitute claims, Applicants have altered the dependency of the claims directed to this subject matter to better reflect the consequences of administration of GDNF.

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accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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